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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were generally trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair with interest more focused on other meat items as Thanksgiving Day nears. Food service was light to fairly good, best for fast food and into sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, demand increased slightly entering the weekend, but was mostly light to moderate. Wings were sufficient to tight, gizzards were close balanced, and breast items were readily available. Dark meat was at least adequate, but boneless cuts were barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 20-NOV-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	54.00-67.00	59.50	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	51.00-72.00	67.76	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
921	63.00-70.00	68.70

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	147.00	1,126
BREASTS - B/S	115.00	5,281
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,170
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50	977
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,025
WINGS	88.00	2,561

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally light to fair, best for other meat items in preparation for next week's holiday. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally light to moderate. Wings were in balance to close, particularly smaller cuts. Breast items were readily available, and dark meat was adequate with boneless cuts in the closest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to no better than fair as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items ranged adequate to available. Wings and thigh meat were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. The market tone was generally steady. Early trading reported at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were at least adequate for the light demand. Buyer's interest was fair at best. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary delivered prices into the Chicago area next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate. Retail trade activity was focused on ham and turkey with only slight interest on chicken. Food service movement was light to fairly good; best call into sports bars and fast food. Floor stocks and weights covered the full range. Parts trade was noted as quiet or seasonal with only limited interest, mainly in wings and boneless dark meat. Supplies of regular sized wings were tight, thigh meat and leg meat in close balance; thighs, drums and leg quarters were fully available and breast cuts were adequate. The market tone was generally steady on parts, instances firm on wings and boneless dark meat.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair and generally noted as sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to fully adequate for immediate needs. Buyer interest had improved on boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts and sellers generally noted increased confidence in maintaining satisfactory clearances.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/13/06 - 11/17/06 (A)
	11/14/05 - 11/18/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/13/06 - 11/17/06 (A)
	11/14/05 - 11/18/05 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS					NOV 17					
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	703	90.00-165.00	93-96	99.45	573	85.00-169.00	90-95	102.18	3,385	97.75
TENDERLOINS	128	90.00-156.00	-	96.16	138	87.00-165.00	90-92	94.28	755	92.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				484	70.15
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				305	55.70
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				203	29.00-46.00	30	31.12	968	30.61
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	490	21.00-29.00	24	24.06	590	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.64	2,885	23.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	724	22.00-31.00	25	25.03	3,464	22.00-31.00	25	25.05	6,410	25.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	73.00-85.00	74-78	77.47	295	78.00-87.00	79-81	81.00	1,475	77.79
WINGS (CUT)	210	95.00-100.00	-	96.74	245	95.00-101.00	96-99	97.57	1,315	95.64
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	27.90
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				163	28.17
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				367	79.43
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection

W/E 11-Nov-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	40,540	91,151	17,258	17,366	166,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.45	7.09	8.19	5.50
% of total /1	24%	55%	10%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	53,797	71,156	21,432	17,713	164,098
Avg Live Wgt	3.40	5.47	7.02	8.22	5.29
% of total /1	33%	43%	13%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,216	79,697	28,198	13,888	163,999
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.36	6.99	8.90	5.53
% of total /1	26%	49%	17%	8%	100%

To date/2006 2,072,530 3,611,308 1,007,209 597,871 7,288,918  
 To date/2005 2,113,230 3,545,076 1,195,766 414,710 7,268,782

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D)

This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 11-Nov-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	166,315	955	1,600	2,555	561
Avg Wt	5.50	3.48	8.08	6.36	6.67
Last week	164,098	975	1,562	2,537	470
Same wk yr ago	163,999	1,296	1,427	2,723	491
Avg Wt	5.53	3.39	8.08	5.85	7.21
To-date/2006	7,288,918	48,740	67,182	115,922	22,564
To-date/2005	7,268,782	64,835	63,992	128,827	22,440

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.3 million head, or 8.4 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October				
7	171.8	164.2	105%	5.57
14	163.7	163.3	100%	5.61
21	167.6	162.9	103%	5.47
28	166.2	163.3	102%	5.47
November				
3	166.1	163.0	102%	5.29
10	168.3	159.9	105%	5.50
Year to date	7377.3	7366.7	100%	
November				
17		156.3		
24		156.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	11/18/06	11/11/06	% CHG	11/19/05	% CHG
Broilers	161,013	166,315*	-3.19	163,621*	-1.59
Cattle	655	642	-01	599*	+07
Hogs	2,121	2,150	-01	2,140*	-01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 13-NOV-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED. CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58.00-65.00	61.00-65.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	66.00-72.00
<b>SQUABS:</b> NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05	
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39	
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were in good balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00. DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 13-NOV-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** November 14, 2006**\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\***

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .50
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .70ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.45 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .55
Guinea Fowl	1.60 - 1.70ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.40 - .45ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.75ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .30
Pigeons	1.25 - 1.50ea.
White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.75 - 2.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.05 - 1.20
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.50ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.00ea.
Goats	45.00 - 48.00ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 25.00ea.
Doves	3.75 - 4.25ea.
Chukars	- 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .50

Total Coops Sold 425

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were mostly adequate and to at least adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remained unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate to about adequate for current needs. Processing schedules normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	6-12	9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage hens were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances tight for the moderate demand. Schedules reduced for next week's holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-NOV-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to about moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were light due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair to instances good. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006.

#### **CAPONS:**

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons were adequate to well cleared. Demand for the upcoming holiday period was fairly good to good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-9 LBS.	1.70-1.84	MOSTLY	1.70-1.75
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#### **GEESE:**

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in good balance to tight. Product booked for the upcoming holidays are being delivered. Processing schedules are full. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

8-16 LBS.	2.26-2.45	MOSTLY	2.35-2.40
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